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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

BRITISH TROOPS REMOVED FROM SUVLA BAY AND ANZAC.

ONE OF THE GREATEST FEATS OF THE WHOLE WAR.

Greek Officers Threaten to Join French Army.

GERMAN OFFENSIVE IN THE WEST IMPOSSIBLE.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE GREEK ELECTIONS.

MAJORITY FOR M. GOUNARIS.

December 20, 3.55 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that it is unofficially announced that the results of the elections give M. Gounaris a majority.
The supporters of M. Venezelos abstained from voting.

TRADE WITH NEUTRALS.

BRITAIN'S REPLY TO AMERICA.

December 20, 4.40 a.m.
According to a Washington message, Great Britain has sent a Memorandum to America denying a Press statement to the effect that British merchants are profiting by war restrictions at the expense of American trade.
The Memorandum shows that British trade with neutrals is infinitesimal compared with American, while statistics prove that the latter has improved rather than been injured through the war.

REMOVED FROM DARDANELLES.

TROOPS TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER SPHERE.

December 20, 2.55 p.m.
The War Office announces that all the troops at Suvla Bay and Anzac, together with their guns and stores, have been successfully transferred, with insignificant casualties, to another sphere of operations.

ONE OF THE GREATEST FEATS OF THE WAR.

December 20, 4.10 p.m.
The transfer of the British troops from Suvla Bay and Anzac, under unexpectedly successful circumstances, has given great relief and is regarded as an eloquent testimony to the skillfulness of our military leaders under the perfect guardianship of the Navy.
The withdrawal of such large numbers (possibly in the region of 100,000) is evidently one of the greatest feats of the whole war.
It is presumed, as there is no mention of Seddul Bahr, that the Allies intend to remain in occupation of the southern zone of the peninsula as a sort of Gibraltar.

AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE SUNK.

(Havas Telegram.)

December 19.
La Hays, an Austrian submarine, struck a mine at Cattaro and sank with all hands.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

GERMANY'S FINANCIAL TANGLE.

SOME HARD FACTS.

December 20, 3.15 p.m.
Reviewing the recent speech of Herr Helfferich in the Reichstag, the *Vorwaerts* urges the Government to declare how the money for the payment of the interest and redemption of Germany's war debts can be raised.
The journal says the German war debt is now two thousand millions sterling, the interest on which will be a hundred millions yearly, while redemption will necessitate another twenty-five millions. In order to meet these and the current expenditure, the income of the Empire must be more than doubled.
The *Vorwaerts* concludes by stating that the interests of consumers and industries will demand an abolition of import taxes after the war, which will considerably reduce the income of Germany.

SERBIAN REFUGEES.

ITALIAN VILLAGERS' SYMPATHY.

December 20, 3.15 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Rome quotes the *Tribuna* as saying that the Serbian refugees who have arrived in villages in Central Italy are being most sympathetically received. The number is many more than was expected.

INVASION OF GREECE.

GREEK OFFICERS' ATTITUDE TOWARDS BULGARIANS.

December 20, 3.20 p.m.
According to Reuter's Paris correspondent, a Salonica message indicates a curious moral development on the part of Greek Army officers who have hitherto been Loyalists but who now declare that if the Bulgarians cross the frontier they will join the French and fight them.
It is stated that the first troops to enter Greece will be Turkish.

GERMANY STOPS MOVEMENT.

December 20, 3.20 p.m.
According to a message from Athens, a telegram from Germany, in reply to the Greek protest on the subject of the Bulgarians and the military necessities which Germany alleges compel her to pursue the Allies, declares that Germany has ordered an immediate stoppage of the Bulgarians, Austrians and Germans who are at present concentrating for an invasion of Greece.
The force numbers 120,000, with plenty of artillery, and it is believed that the concentration will be completed by Thursday.

THE RUSSIANS.

ATTACK ON BULGARIA ABANDONED.

December 20, 4.35 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Zurich, a telegram from Bucharest says the Russians have apparently abandoned, for the present, their plans for an attack on Bulgaria. The movements of their troops indicate that they intend to renew their attacks at Bukovina.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

BIG ENEMY OFFENSIVE REGARDED AS IMPOSSIBLE.

December 20, 5.30 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent in Petrograd, Colonel Shumsky, the Russian military expert, affirms that any considerable German offensive in the West is impossible, as the Germans are unable to detach sufficient troops from the Eastern front.

THE ROTTERDAMSCH LLOYD.

LORD ROBERT CECIL'S STATEMENT.

December 20, 5.30 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil said that certain vessels of the Rotterdam Lloyd were proceeding towards the Cape (the remainder going towards Suez) owing to the alleged uncertainty regarding the quantity of banking coal at Port Said.

CANADA'S WAR FINANCE.

A QUESTION OF FIFTY MILLIONS STERLING.

December 20, 5.30 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa says that the Parliament has been summoned for January 12. The Speech from the Throne will foreshadow measures for lengthening the term of Parliament, and a war appropriation of fifty millions sterling in new taxes.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE UMSTA.

HOW A B-L BOAT WAS SUNK.

December 20, 2.35 p.m.
Three officers of the B-L steamer *Umsta* (which was reported sunk on the 14th inst., five officers and 47 lascars being missing) reached Plymouth on Sunday after being four days in a lifeboat, being accompanied by 26 lascars.
They state that the *Umsta* was attacked by a German submarine in the Mediterranean on the 1st instant. The first sign of the presence of the enemy was a quick succession of shots. The fourth shot entered the hold and the vessel began to fill. The crew embarked in four lifeboats while the submarine continued to fire at the ship. When the steamer was abandoned, the submarine officers called the boats alongside and enquired the name of the owners and the destination of the ship. They also demanded the ship's papers, but were told that they had been left on the liner. The commander of the submarine was apparently satisfied and ordered the lifeboats to proceed, after which he continued the work of destroying the steamer.
The *Umsta's* boats headed for Malta, a hundred miles distant, but were separated by a storm. Finding they could not reach Malta, the mate's boat steered for Tripoli and after four days they were picked up by a Swedish steamer and taken to Port Said.

In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

BRITISH REPORT CONFIRMED.

December 20, 1.10 a.m.
A Paris communique confirms the British report regarding the fighting in Belgium. The French artillery has likewise been active in Artois between the Somme and the Oise, and in Champagne, destroying enemy trenches and scattering working parties.

ARTILLERY DUEL IN THE DARDANELLES.

December 20, 1.10 a.m.
A Paris communique states that there has been a lively artillery duel at the Dardanelles.

RUSSIANS PUNISH THE ENEMY IN PERSIA.

December 20, 1.10 a.m.
A Petrograd communique reports that an enemy detachment has been severely punished at Lake Mendziel. Big enemy forces who have been repulsed at Kushkek, between Teheran and Hamadan.

GERMANY'S LOVELIEST LIE OF ALL.

December 20, 6.25 a.m.
The German Admiralty makes the following announcement:—
"Our fleet last week searched the North Sea for the enemy; then cruised in the Skagerrack watching shipping examining fifty-two vessels. We seized one vessel with contraband. During the whole time the British naval forces were nowhere visible." This preposterous statement is obviously intended for German consumption in order to offset the German losses in the Baltic.

SATISFACTORY RECRUITING NEWS.

December 20, 6.35 a.m.
The calling up of recruits is generally welcomed in all quarters. There is no indication of the numbers available at present, but it is pointed out that, while Britain is now calling up her four youngest classes, Austria is already calling up men of forty-six years of age. The admirable spirit in which the first recruits are responding to the call augurs well for the response of future levies.

TELEGRAMS.

BIG SCOTTISH FIRES.

Great Damage Done.

Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."
London, December 21.
A bonded warehouse at Leith, the contents of which were chiefly tea, coffee, tobacco and whisky, has been destroyed by fire. The damage amounted to £130,000.
Simultaneously, a whisky store at Glasgow was gutted, the damage amounting to £150,000. A neighbouring canal was converted into a river of flames.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

It is stated that the first troops to enter Greece will be Turkish.
The supporters of M. Venezelos abstained from voting in the Greek elections.

The *Vorwaerts* says the German debt is now two hundred millions sterling.

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The British Assessor at Shanghai says disreputable foreign firms and individuals and disreputable Chinese are vying in illicit arms traffic.

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A British Memorandum to America denies the suggestion that British merchants are profiting by the war restrictions at the expense of American trade.

Statistics are quoted in a British Memorandum to America to prove that American trade with neutrals has improved rather than been injured through the war.

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TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
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Saturday, December 25.
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Monday, December 27.
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South China Morning Post.

Montenegro Next.
It is stated the next move of
the enemy in the Balkans will be
to overrun Montenegro and drive
the inhabitants of the tight and
cramped little Kingdom into the
sea, but the task may not be so
easy of accomplishment as they
imagine. They will find there a
reorganised army of Serbians who
are by no means cowed and an
Italian expeditionary force, equip-
ped as our Italian allies know
how, who are eager to aid the war-
like Montenegrins in disputing
every inch of the mountainous
territory of which Montenegro is
composed. They will also find
the Montenegrins a race of heroes
whose proud boast is that for five
centuries they have kept ablaze
the torch of Slav nationalism.
Tall, athletic, sturdy, privation,
and from early boyhood accus-
tomed to bear arms, the Montenegrins
have shirked none of the lime-
light either in the present war or
in any Balkan war of the past.

Daily Press.

The Press Censorship.
By degrees the Press Cen-
sorship is being relaxed. An innova-
tion imported from Continental
nations which have not attained
to the same heights of freedom as
ourselves, it has been found in
practice quite unsuited to our
circumstances. It is obviously
absurd to expect the "sovereign
will of the people" to be ex-
ercised wisely if the people are
kept in ignorance of the
true position of affairs. This, we
believe, explains, more than any-
thing else, the unsatisfactory re-
sponse from certain sections of
the community to the call to arms.
To be consistent, censorship—
another foreign product—should
have been introduced, and there
have not been wanting ardent
advocates of this course, but the
idea of compulsion is so repug-
nant to the British people that
nothing short of proved necessity
would induce them to accept it.

China Mail.

The Political Whirligig in China.
The Chinese official has always
been a professed believer in the
doctrine that he that humblish
himself shall be exalted. We
may find the highest expression
of this sentiment in the attitude
of the Emperor-elect of China.
The request to him to accept the
Throne, he told the Li Fa Yuan
(or administrative Council) "great-
ly astonished" him, though all
the world had known for weeks
and months that this formality
was to be gone through. "Heaven
creates the people, and gives them
a King," said the President in
his message, "and only such men
as have great achievements and
superior virtues can accept such a
high position." As for himself,
he had spent thirty years in the
Government service, and had
achieved nothing worth mention-
ing for the advantage of the State
or the benefit of the people.
Moreover, the President told the
Li Fa Yuan that when he thought
of the former Emperor he was
very much ashamed, and "on the
ground of morality" he was
obliged to refuse the Throne.The Royal Colonial Institute.
Sir Harry Wilson, secretary of
the Royal Colonial Institute, in
the course of a quarterly report
issued to the honorary corre-
sponding secretaries of the Royal
Colonial Institute, says that the
membership in 1914 of the
critical time through which we
are passing, continues to increase
beyond expectations. At the last
meeting of the Council, 243
fellows and associates were
elected, and the Institute now
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up to 11,500 or thereabouts.For a good solid meal
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GENERAL NEWS.

Left by the Mishima.
Mr. Matsui, ex-Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, recently appointed Ambassador to France, to succeed Baron Ishii, the new Foreign Minister, was to leave Kobe for his new post yesterday by the N. Y. K. steamer Mishima Maru.

Well-known American's Death at Shanghai.

Mr. James Nelson Jameson, one of the oldest and most esteemed and respected American residents of China, died at Shanghai last week. Mr. Jameson was born in Virginia, U.S.A., some seventy years ago. He came to China in the days of the pioneer American firm of Oliphant and Company, which will be remembered by the older residents of the community, and was associated with that firm for some years at Canton.

The New Planet.

The new planet discovered by the Barcelona Observatory turned out to be an old one which had been mislaid for some time. M. Bigourdan, who originally announced the discovery at the Academy of Sciences, informed the members at the last meeting that calculations made by MM. Fabry and Blondel, of the Marseilles Observatory, show that it is really the planet known as "183 Ambrosia," which had been lost sight of for thirty-six years.

The Sorsogon Typhoon.

In a report dated December 10, to the executive secretary of the Philippines, the provincial governor of Sorsogon states that the last typhoon passed over Sorsogon on the night of the 8th, causing considerable damage to houses, small boats and crops. He reports 18 casualties in the municipalities of Bacon and Sorsogon, but does not state their names. He also states that reports have not been received from the other municipalities of the province as telegraphic communication is interrupted.

Trading With Enemy.

Colombo, November 21.—The following Royal Proclamation with regard to trading with the enemy was issued on Thursday:—"For the purposes of proclamation for the time being in force relating to trading with the enemy, the expression 'enemy' notwithstanding anything in the said proclamation, is hereby declared to include and to have included any incorporated company or body of persons (wherever incorporated), carrying on business in the enemy country or in any territory for the time being in hostile occupation."

Jews in the Forces.

The Jewish World states that the number of Jews in the British Empire is 412,000, and of these it is estimated that at least 200,000 are not available for service, having been born outside the Empire, mainly in Russia and Poland. As the Jewish chaplains return shows the number of Jews serving as upwards of 17,000, the percentage of Jews serving forms as much as 8 per cent. of the available total Jewish population of the Empire. Since the beginning of the war Jews have received three V.C.'s, ten D.C.M.'s, three D.S.O.'s and three Military Crosses. The casualty lists show some 300 Jews killed and over 700 wounded.

A Chinese Railway.

The long proposed construction of the line connecting Tsingtau in Fengtien and Urga in Outer Mongolia has been delayed on account of the Government. Lately the Central Government received a telegram from Mr. Chen, the Resident Commissioner of Urga, stating that the construction of the above mentioned line has received much attention from the Living Buddha and the latter has suggested to Mr. Chen that if the Chinese Government determines to build the line, the Urga Government will be quite willing to supply half of the funds, thus making the line a joint undertaking. The total cost of the line is said to have been estimated at \$80,000,000.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Hindu University.

Allahabad, November 20.—The Collector of Benares is acquiring under the Land Acquisition Act 1,164 acres of land in the Benares district for buildings in connection with the Benares Hindu University and the usual notifications have been issued.

Col. Robertson I.M.S.

Lieut. Colonel Robertson, I.M.S., Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, whose period of leave expires this month, will then be placed on duty at Home in connection with Army sanitation. Major Clemens continuing to act for him in India.

Resigned.

Mr. Wang Feng-yin, the well-known opponent of a Monarchical restoration, has resigned his office as a member of the Commission for the Punishment of High Officials and as a member of the Tsaocheng-yuan. He will leave for the south in a few days, says a Peking paper.

Hookworm in Honduras.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 17.—Hookworm is a very common and widespread disease in British Honduras, and probably is the chief cause for the gradual extermination of the Indians in that country, says a report published to-day by the medical expedition which the University of St. Louis recently sent to British Honduras.

Indian Commercial Congress.

The 1st Session of the Indian Commercial Congress will be held in the Town Hall Bombay on the 28th and 29th December. The Session will commence on the first day at 11-30 (A.M.), and will be probably held in the morning on the second day. The Hon'ble Mr. Lalubhai Samaldas, C.I.E., is appointed Vice-Chairman of the Reception Committee. Japanese Contracts with Russia. Tokyo papers state that five leading woolen companies in Tokyo and Osaka have just effected contracts with Russia for the supply of a large quantity of woolen material for uniforms, the value being ten million yen. The whole lot is to be delivered in October next. The price is said to be twenty per cent. higher than that of the previous contract.

Passport Regulations for Bombay.

The Bombay Government in the Political Department have issued the following press note:—"It is notified for general information that revised regulations, have been received from the Government of India for the preparation of applications for, and the issue of passports. The attention of persons desirous of travelling from Bombay is invited to these regulations and they are advised that application should be made at least seven days before the date of sailing on forms which will be given to applicants on demand at the enquiry office for passports in the Political Department of the Secretariat. The application forms hitherto in use contain insufficient details for the preparation of passports under the new regulations, and applicants are particularly requested to provide themselves with the new forms of application."

GENERAL NEWS.

Gourd Growing.

The villagers of Monkun (Kent) have this year devoted their energies to gourd growing. Last season a resident raised a mammoth gourd weighing 104lb., and this created so much interest that he distributed the seed amongst the cottagers, and prizes were offered for the largest specimen grown by them this year. A few weeks ago the crop was harvested, and an exhibition of the produce was held at the local hostelry. The total weight of the gourds brought in by the villagers was over half a ton.

A Shanghai German in London. At Bow-street Police Court, Eitel Kaliza, a German waiter, was charged with failing to register himself; with landing in England without the permission of the Secretary of State; and with passing under an assumed name. Evidence for the prosecution showed that Kaliza, a registered German, had been given leave to go to America, and returned to this country in March. When arrested on October 29 he declared that he was born in Shropshire. Later he said that he was born in China and that his father was an Italian, and he therefore claimed to be an Italian subject. His mother, he added, was an English woman and was married a second time to a German, who had all the family registered as Germans, at the Consulate in Shanghai. Kaliza was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour. Three women who had aided him in various ways were heavily fined.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1915.

THE WAY NOT TO MAKE PEACE.

It is not altogether unprofitable, perhaps, to turn one's mind aside for a few moments from the harsh realities of the war to the vagaries of the people who have put to sea in what has come to be known as "Ford's Ark." It is thinkable that, by this time, the proprietor of the said Ark may have doubts not only as to the success of his mission but as to the wisdom of the whole undertaking. Americans of Mr. Ford's type are famed for their enthusiasm; they even look down with a contempt, that is sometimes kindly and sometimes the reverse, on us Brits for lacking that admirable quality. In the first flush of his eagerness to combine business with sentiment by procuring an infallible advertisement for the goods which the world has come to associate with his name and at the same time to advance arguments that (to his way of thinking) should result in bringing about that peace which everyone longs for, Mr. Ford chartered his ship, gathered his disciples together and set out without, apparently, counting the cost.

Fortunately for himself he is one of those whose skin the world's ridicule cannot pierce. Had Heaven blessed him with a sense of the ridiculous he would have realised, in the first place, that he was making himself a laughingstock, and, in the second, that his programme, however excellent in its intentions, was fore-doomed. There is no way-settling argument in the world that could be advanced to which the real peace-seekers have not already given proper weight. The Allies have their peace terms and everyone knows what they are. Germany, too, has hers—though she has been less frank concerning them than have her enemies. Germany wants the war to end without her having to meet the inconceivably heavy indemnity upon which, within herself, she knows that the Allies will insist. In other words, she wants to get out of the mess at as small a cost as possible. Since the Allies' terms are absolute, and demand unreserved surrender on Germany's part, we do not quite see how any suggestions that Mr. Ford and his friends may have to offer are likely to affect matters; nor have we sufficient force of imagination to be able to picture the Kaiser's doing at the request of the tenants of the Ark what the stricken condition of his own country and people has failed to persuade him to do. Then what is the use of it all—barring, of course, the advertisement?

Latest wires represent the Ark itself as not altogether the abode of peace and unanimity—a state of things which hardly surprises us. Mr. Ford's reception at Kirkwall was "most gracious"—but he was not allowed to land! In other words he found the British civil but firm. He seems to have been good enough to tell the Norwegians that the basis of peace must consist in returning pre-war conditions; though where Mr. Ford's "must" comes in we are unable to say. From all we can see, if this gigantic impertinence does not put some check on itself, the belligerent countries will not be the only ones that will object to allowing our friend to land. All countries whether belligerent or not, are too busy nowadays to have time to spare for idle babbles, and the assumption is that the reason for Mr. Ford's having become a second Noah is that even his own

Gambling in Canton.

Every now and again we hear a deal about the supposed prohibition of gambling in Canton, and it will be seen that our correspondent there has something to say on the matter to day. The position seems to be that the ordinary gambling dens are shut down but, notwithstanding, the vice flourishes as much as ever it did and is undoubtedly condoned by the officials. The latter, however, are evidently doing a little "cave face" pidgeon; hence they give it out that anyone heard even daring to suggest that "fan-tan" is again to be legalised is to be arrested. Yet it is freely reported that the gambling houses are to be re-opened, and we read of one report which very definitely states so much, adding that the "black money" and "official gifts" will henceforth go into the Treasury instead of into the pockets of certain officials. What is more, it is stated that the old name of "fan-tan" is to be abolished, and another name "yik-kuei," meaning "justice contribution," is to be used instead.

Mere Pose.

How far these statements are reliable we do not know, but we are quite prepared to believe they have a very considerable foundation in fact. The blunt truth is that gambling has become such an inherent vice with the Chinese that no law will be effectual in suppressing it, even if it were desired to do so. And, on that latter point it is absurd to look to the officials for an example in the matter. They certainly have no wish that the habit should be killed, and, whatever laws they may pass concerning the common people, we may depend upon it that they will have their own little "flatter" just the same. The whole thing is a piece of sheer pose and hypocrisy from beginning to end.

Seeking the Obvious.

There is a further item in our Canton news which is worth nothing. We refer to the order from the Central Government that an investigation is to be made as to the manner by which official have been appointed to offices. There surely is no need to seek information on this point, especially since the terms of the order make it clear that the fact is well-known by the President that appointments are secured by the simple process of buying them. President Yuan, we are told, attributes the present weakness of China to this cause, and he says he is determined to abolish the practice. All this sounds so very familiar—we have heard it all before a score of times. But does it not strike President Yuan that talk of this sort is nothing short of a frank admission that modern China is no whit better than ancient China? We have had some years of so-called Republicanism now, and we all look back with some degree of amusement to the long list of reforms with which the change in the form of government was announced. The bulk of these reforms, of course, were never for one moment seriously intended, and certainly they have been dead letters ever since. It will be the same now—monarchy or no monarchy. So we may be pardoned for smiling again, knowing that things will run along in just the same old way in spite of all the mandates which may issue forth from official quarters in the capital.

Constituting a Nuisance.

Several Chinese hawkers were fined amounts ranging from \$2 to \$5 each for selling their wares on the footpath. An Inspector stated that the obstructions were becoming a great nuisance.

Prince of Wales' Fund.

Attention is drawn to an advertisement elsewhere regarding the closing of the Prince of Wales' Fund in Hongkong. We are requested to state, in connection therewith, that monthly subscription lists will not be sent out at the end of this month, but the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. M. J. Stubb, will be glad to receive any sums up to December 31.

DAY BY DAY.

ALAS FOR THE RARITY OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY UNDER THE SUN!—Read.

The Weather.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 48; fine.
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 56; fine.

The Mails.
English Mail.—Due tomorrow per s.s. Novara.
Australian Mail.—Due tomorrow per s.s. Empire.
Australian Mail.—Closed today per s.s. St. Albans at 10 a.m.
Siberian Mail.—Closes tomorrow per s.s. Novara.

The Dollar.
The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1/10 15/16.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 15th anniversary of the defeat of the Boxers at Peking, by General Bailioud.

Returned.
Dr. J. W. Noble, returned to the Colony by the s.s. Shinyo Maru this morning.

Back Again.
Mr. J. K. Chatham arrived back in the Colony by the s.s. Shinyo Maru to-day.

Overseas Club.
Mr. Murray Stewart has consented to represent Hongkong on the Central Committee of the Overseas Club.

The Post Office.
Attention is directed to the Post Office notice on page 10 concerning the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Supreme Court.
There is no business coming up before the Chief Justice until December 28, when the Court will sit in Criminal Sessions.

A False Cloth Rule.
A Chinese cloth dealer was fined \$5, before Mr. Wood, at the Magistracy this morning, for being in possession of a false cloth rule.

Smk Delivery.
The Yokotama office of the T.K.K. is in receipt of a wireless communication to the effect that the silk despatched hence per s.s. Chiyu Maru on November 9 was delivered in New York on the 11th inst.

Allice Memorial Hospital.
The Hon. Treasurer of the Allice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—Druggists' Guild, \$100; Pork Guild, Central Market, \$90.

Chinese Ingenuity.
Before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court this morning, a Chinese was charged with unlawfully possessing 11 taels of opium, which he had covered over with shrimp paste, at Kowloon Railway Station. A fine of \$500, or two months' hard labour, was imposed.

Fishmongers' Untrue Scales.
A Chinese fish dealer at the Central Market was to-day fined \$20 for having in his possession a pair of scales which were inaccurate to the extent of 4 per cent. It was stated that there was a good scale on the stall. A similar fine was imposed upon another fishmonger whose scales were false to the extent of 3 per cent.

To Dynamite Fish.
An old Chinese woman was charged before Mr. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with being in possession of 18 sticks of dynamite. Defendant said she had secured the explosive from a small sampan and was going to use it to blow fish out of the water. A fine of \$50, or a month's imprisonment, was imposed.

An Amah Discharged.
At the Magistracy this morning, before Mr. Hazeland, an amah, who was alleged to have taken advantage of the fire at Wanchai early yesterday morning to steal clothing from her master, Mr. J. L. Marquis, a clerk in the Great Northern Telegraph Co., living four doors away from where the fire took place, was discharged.

The Late Mr. A. J. R. King.
The funeral took place at Happy Valley last evening of the late Mr. A. J. R. King, whose death we reported yesterday. The Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle officiated, and the deceased's remains were followed to the graveside by a number of his former colleagues, who also sent wreaths as an expression of their sympathy at his death.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

GERMAN NAVAL ACTIVITIES.

The Dardanelles.

A Paris communique, transmitted via London at 1.10 a.m. yesterday, speaks of a lively artillery duel at the Dardanelles. At 2.55 p.m. on the same day Reuter wires—also from London—a War Office announcement to the effect that all the troops at Suvla Bay and Anzac, with their guns and stores, have been successfully transferred, with insignificant casualties, to another sphere of operations. At this rate, the removal must have been conducted with despatch indeed. But why the mysterious language of this later wire? The ways of the censorate are indeed past finding out. It does not hesitate to tell the enemy that one field has been abandoned, but it solemnly refuses to say what other field has been strengthened. To our poor way of thinking it would have been more sensible to reverse the process. Months have gone by since the wisdom of the Dardanelles undertaking was first questioned and discussed—and still we have no definite announcement on the subject from the Home Government. If the thing was a mistake, why not say so and have done with it?

Humbly not Wanted.

The offence which it will be most difficult for the British public to pardon, when all is over, is any attempt at hoodwinking it under the pretence of dignified reserve and profound wisdom. There is a type of man—and also a type of Government—that, when utterly helpless and ignorant of which way to turn, attempts to cover his (or its) own confusion by adopting an air of intense mystery. "What I do now, it is good for you to know" sort of business. The British, with all their faults and follies, are a practical and business-like people, and they will certainly know how to punish any politicians who can subsequently be proved to have played the sham gravity trick.

"Not Far Distant."
There is a kindly dignity in Viscount French's farewell to the men who, for sixteen months, have been his brothers-in-arms in the most trying campaign in the world's history. And there is also not a little comfort in it for the downhearted. He is "firmly convinced that a glorious ending is not far distant." He should know, if any man can know, and it is not his way to seek to pacify men with false hopes. After all, why should the end not be near at hand? The Empire has given the Government everything that it asked for: men, money, supplies of all sorts from aeroplanes to shells and from shells to ambulances; the people, to do them justice and to take them as a whole, have exercised a really marvellous patience and have not jibbed when asked to make sacrifices; the temper of the troops and the blue-jackets has been fine to the pitch of nobility. We have three—nearly four—months of winter before us; a winter which Britain and her Allies can face with far more confidence than can the enemy. Why should not war and winter end together?

That German Naval Exploit.
In this connection, is there no significance in Germany's latest pitiful navy story? As a lie, it is admittedly a Number One topside achievement; but, in view of the fact that the enemy lie factory has, for months past, come near to giving up work, this performance looks remarkably like playing one of the last cards. But will the story help Germany? Is it not too palpably false for it to be accepted even by people who are enjoying a gaudy conceit of themselves, leave alone by those whose wits are being sharpened by hard times and in some cases by positive hunger? Germany, as a nation, cannot be fooled forever by humbugging communique; and the gallant performance of the rust-rotted fleet in the Kiel Canal are surely too well known in Berlin by this time for the townsfolk to swallow any story that reflects credit on Germany's "Navy."

A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

LEADING EVENTS IN THE GREAT WAR.

Extracts from the "war" news contained in the "Hongkong Telegraph" of December 21, 1914.

British Steamer Strikes a Mine.
The Admiralty announces that the steamer Tritonia struck a mine off the north Irish coast on the 19th and is believed to have foundered. The crew has been landed.

Rebel Leader Shot.
The rebel leader, Capt. Fourie, was court-martialled yesterday and shot at dawn to day. His brother, Lieut. Fourie, had his death sentence commuted to five years' imprisonment. Captain Fourie adopted a defiant attitude throughout, but took the responsibility of leading his young brother astray. Both were officers in the South African Defence Force.

Indians' Advance.
The British in the direction of Neuve Chapelle lost some trenches taken yesterday, while the Indians advanced hundreds of metres towards Riehebourg l'Avoue, which is north-west of La Bassée.

Loyal Egypt.
It is communicated from Cairo that the Sultan, while driving through the street of Abdin Palace, was joyously acclaimed by the populace. There was an imposing military display. The people also enthusiastically cheered the officials. The town was decorated with flags.

German Column Annihilated.
In Belgium, in the region of Steenstraete, a German attack was repulsed. We progressed appreciably in the vicinity of Kortrijk. The enemy showed some activity towards Thiépal and Libons, but a German column was surprised and literally annihilated.

ORGAN RECITAL.

A most enjoyable organ recital, and one that was listened to with appreciation by a good congregation, was given by the popular organist of St. John's Cathedral, Mr. Denman Fuller, last evening. On former occasions these recitals have been productive of real musical treats and last night's programme proved to be no exception to this rule. In addition to the renditions of Mr. Denman Fuller those present were treated to some really excellent solos by Mr. G. D. Fitzipios, who was heard in Hongkong for the first time. Joining with a good reputation from Shanghai and other places, where he has done oratorio and recitative work, this vocalist fully justified the good things said about him in his solo "Comfort," by Coleridge Taylor, and the recit. and air, "For behold darkness shall cover the earth" by Handel. Both were given with due expression and feeling and the only regret was that more was not heard of this artist. Mr. Denman Fuller infused some of his best work into his items and the whole recital proved to be one of great enjoyment.

The full programme was as follows:—

1. Sonata in F minor, Mendelssohn.
2. Solo, "Comfort," Coleridge Taylor.
3. Pastorale, "Wely."
4. Night, "S. Karg Elert."
5. Recit and Air, "For behold, darkness shall cover the earth," Handel.
6. Fanfare, "J. C. Bridge."

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Increase ... 983
Decrease ... 737

CANTON NEWS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, December 19.

Governor Cheung to Return at Once.
On October 23, two months' leave of absence was granted Governor Cheung to attend the funeral ceremonies of his father. As the time has now about expired, he asked a further leave, which was refused. He is ordered to take up his work again at the beginning of the new year.

Investigation of Vexatious Officials.

From Peking comes the order that all officials shall be reported upon, especially those who obtained their office, etc. President Yuan states that it is his opinion that the present weakness of China is largely due to the corrupt practice of allowing the offices to be bought and this must be stopped. He states it to be his intention to root out this class of officials and the new order has this action in view.

Another Medal For Tom Gunn.

The Chief of the Water Police, Mr. Choi Chuen-hang, has just given a gold medal to the Canton aviator, Capt. Gunn. He has also memorialized the government that they may proceed without loss of time to the establishment of the mentioned school of aviation.

Fanton Prohibition not to be Cancelled.

The Acting Governor sent a note to Chief of Police on the 9th inst. to the effect that the law prohibiting fanton will not be repealed, all suggestions to the contrary notwithstanding. It has been for some time a matter of common gossip that these regulations would shortly be cancelled that the fanton dens would soon be reopened. So seriously does the Acting Governor take this matter that he has instructed the police to arrest any person overheard saying such a thing. He adds that it is contrary to the expressed wishes of the better class of citizens throughout the province and the officials have never seriously entertained the idea of allowing these places to be reopened for a single moment.

Arrest of Robbers.

The presence of a band of armed robbers was reported from San Wai and General Ma Kwan-shan was sent out with a company of soldiers against them. After a desperate struggle the robbers were defeated and most of them captured and brought back to General Lung's headquarters for trial and punishment.

Fatsan Firecrackers.

Firecrackers are now selling at about five times the price of the same articles last year at the corresponding time. This is the season when the Chinese people begin to buy crackers in large amounts preparatory for the great celebrations at Chinese New Year, but the cost is so high the sales are short. It is said the Fatsan shops are coming money at present prices and happy is the man who had enough left over from last year to suffice for his wants this year.

Horrible Murder on Long Road.

At No. 43, Ng-Sin-Moon-Lung Road, there is a butcher shop kept by a man whose surname is Chan. On the morning of the 18th inst. the door of this shop was found by the watchmen to be ajar. They entered and found a young brother-in-law of the proprietor dead on the first floor, his throat cut from ear to ear. He was cashier of the shop and his name was Ho Yan. The employees of the shop who were all sleeping on the floor above were hastily summoned to the scene. Among them was an elder brother of the murdered man. All the employees, except his brother, were placed under arrest pending investigation. The weapon by means of which the deed was done was a cleaver found near the victim. The motive for the act was in all probability robbery, for the young man was but eighteen years of age and had no enemies. No clues have been reported as yet.

SPECIAL CABLE.

ILLEGAL ARMS TRAFFIC.

Shanghai Assessor's Severe Strictures.

"THE ALSATIA OF ROGUES AND VAGABONDS."

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, December 21.

The British Assessor, in giving judgment in an arms case in which foreigners are alleged to be implicated, said disreputable foreign firms and individuals and disreputable Chinese are vying in an illicit arms traffic which is a fastening sore in the body politic in China. Shanghai has become, he says, the Alsatia of rogues and vagabonds, both native and foreign.

AN EXTRADITION CASE.

Alleged Kidnapping of a Family of Nine.

An interesting extradition case was heard before Mr. H. Zealand, at the Police Court this morning, when a Chinese, named Ho Fuk, appeared to answer why he should not be handed over to the Kwangtung authorities on the ground of his having kidnapped nine persons on August 23, 1915, at Wong Tai Kok, On Li Village, Pi Ngo Shan, Shun Tak district, Kwangtung Province.

Mr. G. N. Orme, of the Crown Solicitor's Office, appeared for the Crown, and Mr. L. D'Almada represented the fugitive.

Mr. Orme, in opening the case, said it was on a Government warrant, and with reference to the alleged crime of kidnapping, it came under Chinese jurisdiction. The charge against the fugitive was that he kidnapped nine members of the Soo family on August 23, 1915. On that day the members of the family went for a trip into the mountains for the purpose of repairing their ancestral grave.

They undertook the journey in a junk by river and arrived at their destination all right. After the usual repairs had been executed, there was the customary merriment, and they returned about 5 p.m. in the same way. When they had proceeded for some way, they were attacked by armed robbers of whom there were six who were coming down the river in a sampan, and who pointed pistols at the Soo family, some of whom jumped into the river. The others were captured on the junk. The Soos who were captured were taken into the country, being taken in different directions, and were kept in one place for perhaps a fortnight, when they were moved on somewhere else. Continuing, Mr. Orme said that he had three witnesses belonging to the family, and they would say that the fugitive was amongst the band of robbers. Finally the other members of the family were approached and received a demand for \$20,000 for the release of the members of the family. It was alleged that the money was paid over at a boarding house in Connaught Road Canton. The emissary was the fugitive, and he took them into the country where two of the defendants were released.

His Worship:—And the other seven?

Mr. Orme said he did not trace the adventures of these. He understood that the two who had been released had been subjected to a considerable amount of ill-treatment. After the \$20,000 had been paid, the other members were allowed to return.

An official of the Kwangtung Government identified the seal.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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HONGKONG REFEREES.

[To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

Sir,—As an interested spectator of a football match last Saturday, allow me to intrude upon your valuable space.

I was, until five years ago a footballer for fifteen years at home.

I witnessed on Saturday a football match which I subsequently discovered to be between teams from St. Joseph's College and the 88th Co. R.G.A.

With regard to the players I say nothing. It strikes me that better referees might be obtained for League matches. A player from St. Joseph's fouled a ball and then netted it. The referee awarded a goal. The player, a "sport," I presume, however let the referee know that he had fouled the ball and the referee went back on his decision and gave a foul-kick.

The best referee cannot see an off-side or foul if he is continually keeping in the centre of the field, instead of making an honest attempt to follow the ball.

On four occasions the referee fouled the ball. I counted twelve fouls and six off-sides which the referee did not notice.

Twice the referee gave off-sides which most distinctly were not off-sides. But, as he was at least 30 yards away from the ball on both occasions, what could he see, poor fellow?

Yours etc.,
FRONIAN.
Hongkong, December 21, 1915.

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby advise us that the Langkat output for the current month is as follows:—

Dec.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Tons	152	150	138	151	150	138	146	149	147	148	154	152	151	168	148	143	146	144	145	142
Total to 20th inst.	2,960																			
Daily average	148.00																			

You are not the officer in Charge of this seal?—No.

Does each Governor have a separate seal?—Yes.

If another Governor is appointed he will have another seal?—It is simply transferred.

For all you know it might be a forged seal?—It could not be a forged seal because it has to pass the Consul General.

The case was adjourned.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

NOTICE.

The Office of Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District will be closed to public business on Thursday, the 23rd December 1915, and on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd January, 1916.

E. GORDON LOWDER,
Commissioner of Chinese Customs.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1915.

PRINCE OF WALES' FUND IN HONGKONG.

At a Meeting of the Committee of the Prince of Wales' Fund held on the 16th December it was unanimously decided to close the Fund in Hongkong on the 31st December 1915.

N. J. STABE,
Hon. Treasurer.

BANK OF CANTON LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE HONGKONG.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS

and

FIXED DEPOSITS

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INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS

3 Months 3% per annum

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12 Months 4 1/2% per annum

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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SS. "SHINYO MARU."

The above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on 22nd Dec. at 5 p.m. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown. Storage charges will be assessed on all Goods remaining undelivered on 27th December at noon.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claim will be recognised after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged cargo will be landed into the Godown, where they will be examined on 30th December at 10 a.m.

No Claim will be recognised if filed after the 4th January 1916.

K. DOI,

Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1915.

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2. Paid-up Capital - £2,437,500

3. Reserve Funds - £3,562,500

4. Life and Annuity Funds - £1,767,500

5. Sinking Fund Account - £12,500

6. Revenues Fire Branch - £2,915,516

7. Life and Annuity - £1,141,533

8. Marine Department - £37,239

Other Receipts - £78,940

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HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

The Committee has decided that the following shall be the settlement days for the year 1916:—

Friday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28th January	31st January	2nd February	3rd February	5th February	8th February	10th February	11th February	13th February	16th February	18th February	19th February	21st February
27th April	30th April	3rd May	4th May	6th May	9th May	11th May	12th May	14th May	17th May	19th May	20th May	22nd May
28th July	31st July	3rd August	4th August	6th August	9th August	11th August	12th August	14th August	17th August	19th August	20th August	22nd August
28th September	31st September	3rd October	4th October	6th October	9th October	11th October	12th October	14th October	17th October	19th October	20th October	22nd October
28th November	31st November	3rd December	4th December	6th December	9th December	11th December	12th December	14th December	17th December	19th December	20th December	22nd December

By order of the Committee,

EDWARD M. RAYMOND.

Hon. Secretary.

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1 " Brandy Martell XXX.	—	—	—	—	quart.
2 " Whisky King George IV.	—	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Port Superior Tawny	—	—	—	—	quart.
2 " Claret St. Julien	—	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Sherry Old Brown	—	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Gin Old Tom or Dry.	—	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Bitters Pomeroyen (Phial)	—	—	—	—	phial.

Price Per Case \$25.00

No. 2 HAMPER.

1 Bott. Sparkling Burgundy B. Mousseux	—	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Peppermint	—	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Martell XXX.	—	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Whisky Perfection	—	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Port Wine Rich Old	—	—	—	—	quart.
2 " Claret St. Julien	—	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Sherry Vino de Pasto	—	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Benedictine D. O. M.	—	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Gin Old Tom or Dry	—	—	—	—	quart.
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LOG BOOK.

Free Boards Assigned.
The number of vessels to which freeboards were assigned by the Society under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, up to the 30th June, 1915, was 17,640. The number in which freeboards were assigned during 1914-15 was 326 representing an approximate gross tonnage of 1,075,950 tons.

Per Safety at Sea.
The coming into operation of the Merchant Shipping Convention Act, passed in 1914 for the purpose of giving effect to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, which was intended to have taken place on the 1st July, 1915, has been postponed by Order in Council until the 1st January, 1916.

O.S.K. Ship Ashore.
The O.S.K. ship *Maru*, bound from Foochow to Shanghai with a cargo of Foochow poles, is reported to be badly ashore on the Bottom Rock, near the Saddle Islands. Her No. 1 and 2 holds are said to be full of water, but arrangements are being made to get her afloat. Her departure from Shanghai is postponed until further notice.

The River at Newchwang.
A Newchwang correspondent of the N.C. Daily News writes on December 7 says: "It may be of interest to observe that we have had an extraordinarily mild season—to-day being the first day upon which ice has been seen on the River—so that although our port was nominally closed to navigation on November 30 we have, until to-day, had a clear week with mild weather and moderate winds, and a fair abundance of water on the River."

The Tuticorin Harbour.
Madras, November 23.—With reference to a recent paragraph in the *Capital*, the Madras Mail understands that no proposal has been made by the Madras Government for deepening the inner harbour of Tuticorin. It is believed by those who know that the sea bottom at Tuticorin consists of growing coral which is not a condition favourable for constructing and maintaining a deep water harbour. The Madras Mail does not, therefore, think that there is prospect of a deep water harbour at Tuticorin.

One of the Prize Vessels.
Orders for fitting out five sailing vessels with motor engines have been placed with a South Shields firm. The former German schooner *Theodore*, one of the prize vessels taken over, has been purchased by a Newcastle firm, and is to be propelled by motor power. The same builder to which this order has been entrusted has received similar orders in connection with four small sailing ships which have been acquired from south country owners. A speed of seven miles an hour is expected to be attained when under power.

Marine Insurance.
The Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd., announce the following rates which are now being paid at Lloyd's to insure against the termination of the war:—To insure against the cessation of hostilities on or before September 30, 1916—50 guineas per £100; on or before June 30, 1917—10 guineas per £100; on or before December 31, 1917—5 guineas per £100. As these rates underwriters will pay a total loss in the event of hostilities not having ceased and peace treaties not having been signed between Great Britain and her enemies on or before the above dates.

Load Line Committee.
It will be remembered that in 1915 a Committee was appointed by the President of the Board of Trade to advise as to whether the Tables of Freeboard, revised by the Board of Trade in 1906, needed further revision in the light of later experience. This Committee, of which Mr. Abell, the Society's Chief Ship Surveyor, and Mr. G. E. Marks, one of the Principal Surveyors on the Chief Ship Surveyor's Staff, are members, have not yet completed their labours; but it is expected that they will shortly be able to present their report to the President. The intended International Conference on the Load Line question is indefinitely postponed.

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MANILA	Yuenang	Fri. 24th Dec. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI & Haiphong	Namsang	Thur. 30th Dec. at 8 a.m.
SINGAPORE, Penang & Calcutta	Mamsang	Fri. 31st Dec. at noon
MANILA	Loongsang	Fri. 31st Dec. at 3 p.m.

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Marseilles via Saigon & Ports	Achios	P. Thomas & Jan.	30. Dec.
London & Marseilles via Ports	Mishima M.	N. Y. K.	13. Jan.
London & Bombay etc.	Novara	P. & O.	14. Jan.

NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO AND CANADA.

Victoria, B.C. & Seattle	Yama M.	N. Y. K.	23. Dec.
San Foo via Manila & Japan etc.	Shinyo M.	T. K. K.	29. Dec.
San Francisco & American Ports	Kiyo M.	T. K. K.	8. Jan.
San Francisco	Arakan	J.C.J.L.	9. Jan.
Victoria, B.C. & Seattle etc.	Sode M.	N. Y. K.	11. Jan.
Boston & New York	Kathamba	B. L. L.	15. Jan.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Chiyo M.	T. K. K.	25. Jan.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Perma M.	T. K. K.	31. Jan.
San Francisco	China	C. M. S.S.	9. Feb.
San Foo via Manila & Japan etc.	Tisondari	J.C.J.L.	11. Feb.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Tenyo M.	T. K. K.	15. Feb.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	29. Feb.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Dairen M.	T. K. K.	3. Mar.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Akino M.	T. K. K.	11. Mar.
San Francisco	Karimoon	J.C.J.L.	13. Mar.
San Francisco	Tikembang	J.C.J.L.	11. Apr.
San Francisco	China	C. M. S.S.	14. Apr.

AUSTRALIA.

Australian Ports via Manila	St. Albans	G. L. Co.	21. Dec.
Australian Ports via Manila	Empire	G. L. Co.	12. Jan.
Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	14. Jan.
Australian Ports via Manila	Changsha	B. & S.	21. Jan.
Australian Ports via Manila	Eastern	G. L. Co.	31. Jan.
Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Aldenharn	G. L. Co.	23. Feb.
Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Hitchi M.	N. Y. K.	Feb.

SINGAPORE, COAST PORTS AND JAPAN.

Haiphong and Hongkong	Loksang	J. M. Co.	21. Dec.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Chinhua	B. & S.	21. Dec.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haiching	D. L. Co.	21. Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe & Moji	Ito	D. S. & Co.	21. Dec.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Kueichow	B. & S.	21. Dec.
Shanghai	Yingchow	B. & S.	21. Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Novara	P. & O.	22. Dec.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haitan	D. L. Co.	23. Dec.
Shanghai	Hopsang	J. M. Co.	23. Dec.
Shanghai	Shantung	B. & S.	23. Dec.
Shanghai Moji & Kobe	Bombay M.	N. Y. K.	24. Dec.
Manila	Yuenang	J. M. Co.	24. Dec.
Singapore, Kobe and Yokohama	Fooksang	J. M. Co.	24. Dec.
Singapore, Calcutta etc.	Colombo M.	N. Y. K.	25. Dec.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Kaga M.	N. Y. K.	25. Dec.
Batavia	Tean	B. & S.	25. Dec.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Titaroom	J.C.J.L.	28. Dec.
Shanghai	Haimun	D. L. Co.	28. Dec.
Singapore via Amoy & Swatow	Tikembang	J.C.J.L.	29. Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	S. Jacob	J.C.J.L.	30. Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Porthos	P. Thomas	31. Dec.
Singapore	Atsuta M.	N. Y. K.	31. Dec.
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Singapore & Bombay	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	31. Dec.
Batavia	Penang M.	N. Y. K.	31. Dec.
Belawan Deli (Medan)	Thiwing	J.C.J.L.	3. Jan.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yama	"Van S."	J.C.J.L.	3. Jan.
Kobe	Nellore	P. & O.	4. Jan.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Tibodas	J.C.J.L.	7. Jan.
Mauritius and South African Ports	Hitchi M.	N. Y. K.	14. Jan.
Salamis	B. I. L.		25. Jan.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The T. K. K. s.s. *ANYO MARU* will leave Hongkong on March 10, 1916.
The T. K. K. s.s. *TESYO MARU* sailed on the 30th Nov. at noon. This steamer will leave Hongkong on Tuesday the 15th February 1916 at noon.
The T. K. K. s.s. *SHINYO MARU* which sailed from San Francisco on the 20th November is expected to arrive at this port via Honolulu, Japan Ports & Manila on Tuesday the 21st Dec. a.m.

CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. s.s. *EMPEROR OF JAPAN* left Yokohama on Friday the 10th Dec. at 2 p.m. due to arrive Vancouver on the 24th Dec.
The C. P. R. s.s. *MONTAGLE* arrived Moji on Thursday the 14th Dec. at 4 a.m. left Moji on Friday the 15th Dec. at 3 a.m. due to arrive Kobe on Friday the 17th Dec. at 11 p.m.

ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. s.s. *NOVARA* left Singapore for this Port on the 15th Dec. at 4 a.m. with the outward English Mail, and is due here on the 22nd inst. at about daylight.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Standard. Arr. at 294. O. J. J. J. 15th Dec. — Saigon, 15th Dec. — Gen. — J. M. & Co.
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Agents.	Vessel's Name.	Tonnage.	Date Due.	From.
B. & S.	Hyson	6,603	Dec. 23	London
B. & S.	Prism	4,543	Dec. 24	Liverpool
J.C.J.L.	Tikembang		Dec. 24	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Kaga Maru	12,000	Dec. 24	Japan
J.C.J.L.	Titaroom		Dec. 25	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Atsuta Maru	16,000	Dec. 25	London
N. Y. K.	Kashima Maru	21,000	Dec. 25	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nankin		Dec. 29	Yokohama
B. & S.	Halenna	7,535	Dec. 29	Yokohama
S. T. & Co.	Kathamba	4,104	Dec. 31	London
P. & O.	Nellore		1. Dec.	New York
N. Y. K.	Penang Maru	1,000	Jan. 1	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Sado Maru	3,217	Jan. 1	Yokohama
P. & O.	Kashmir		Jan. 2	Yokohama
B. & S.	Knight Companion	7,433	Jan. 4	Yokohama
J.C.J.L.	Arakan		Jan. 7	London
G. L. & Co.	Eastern	3,586	Jan. 7	Java
T. K. K.	Perma Maru	9,000	Jan. 7	Australia
P. & O.	Novara		Jan. 9	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Hitchi Maru	6,557	Jan. 9	London
P. & O.	Novara		Jan. 13	Australia
N. Y. K.	Nikko Maru	9,600	Jan. 13	Yokohama
P. & O.	Chiyo Maru	22,000	Jan. 13	Yokohama
B. & S.	Sardinia	6,574	Jan. 15	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Changsha	2,269	Jan. 15	London
N. Y. K.	Awa Maru	6,309	Jan. 16	Australia
N. Y. K.	Shidzuka Maru		Jan. 16	Yokohama
P. & O.	Suwa Maru	21,000	Jan. 24	Yokohama
P. & O.	Kashmir		Jan. 25	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nellore		Jan. 27	Yokohama
G. L. & Co.	Aldenharn	3,505	Jan. 28	Yokohama
P. & O.	Namur	6,694	Jan. 29	Australia
P. & O.	Nore		Jan. 29	London
J.C.J.L.	Tisondari		Feb. 5	Java
T. K. K.	Tenyo Maru	22,000	Feb. 7	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Atsuta Maru		Feb. 7	Yokohama
P. & O.	Sardinia	6,574	Feb. 9	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nankin		Feb. 11	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Aki Maru		Feb. 12	London
P. & O.	Mongara		Feb. 13	Seattle
N. Y. K.	Tango Maru		Feb. 14	Yokohama
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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1915

TELEGRAMS

OBITUARY.

Sir Henry Roscoe.

(Editor's Service To The "Telegraph.")

London, Received, Dec. 21.
The death is announced of the Right Hon. Sir Henry Enfield Roscoe, Emeritus Professor, O'Connell College, Victoria University, since 1887, and Vice-Chancellor of the University of London from 1896 to 1932.

PANAMA CANAL.

INTIMATION TO SHIPPERS.

London, Received, Dec. 21.
The Panama Canal channel has been opened sufficiently to warrant waiting vessels preparing to pass through. A permanent opening cannot yet be guaranteed and it is inadvisable for shipping to arrange to proceed via the Canal until further advice.

COURT MARTIAL.

The Court Martial referred to in the Volunteer Reserve Orders of yesterday was held at the Volunteer Headquarters this morning, and the verdict of the Court will doubtless be promulgated in Corps Orders in due course. We refrain from publishing an account of the proceedings because, as we stated in our issue of September 23 last, in mentioning a similar case, we think it is the public interest that, in such matters, silence is the best course which the Press can observe.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, D.S.P. (Reserve) state:—

Musketry Course, Part 1A.
All Inspectors and Sergeants are warned that they will be required to fire Part II on Sunday, January 9, 1916.

As very considerable inconvenience is caused by failure to attend for Musketry as and when warned, absentees in Part II will be treated as defaulters.

Equipment for Patrolmen.
The attention of Central District Patrolmen is called to the orders of Dec. 17/18 concerning the Equipment Book in the Side Room.

Parades, 5.30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 23rd—Recruits of 3rd and 4th Platoons, No. 1 Company, and of No. 3 Company, joined.

No. 1 Company—No. 2 Platoon T. B. Tennant, No. 4 Platoon Abdullah, J. D. Norris, A. C. Markar, S. L. M. Kadir.
No. 2 Company—H. A. Hyndman.

Promotions.
The Hon. O. S. P. has sanctioned the following promotions:—
Crown-Sergeant Wong Kwong-tin to be Inspector; Sergeant Easton to be Crown-Sergeant; P. C. Wilks to be Sergeant.

Up to the Minute.

No change.

An Absconding Fok.
A report has been made to the police by a money-changer named Cheung Shui, of 31, Queen's Road Central, that a fok has absconded with \$250 in notes.

RED CROSS GIFT.

Lord Lansdowne's Thanks to Hongkong.

The following is a copy of a letter addressed by Sir Robert Hudson, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, to His Excellency the Governor on the subject of the contribution of \$1,200 sent from Hongkong—
British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England.
83, Pall Mall.

London, S.W., 17th Nov., 1915.
Sir, I beg, on behalf of Lord Lansdowne and the Finance Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John, to express our warm thanks to you for your cable message of the 16th received through the Colonial Office and for the draft for \$1,200, which has been forwarded to us at the same time from the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. We have sent to that Bank the formal acknowledgment which they require and I now have the honour to forward to you our official receipt for this contribution which the people of Hongkong make to our joint fund.

I am desired by Lord Lansdowne to express the hope that you will be so kind as to communicate an expression of our gratitude to all who have been concerned in making this generous contribution, and at the same time I have to ask that you will accept for yourself our best thanks for the very kind interest which you have displayed in connection with our appeal, and for the trouble which you have taken to insure its success—I have, etc.
Sd. ROBERT A. HUDSON,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

His Excellency
Sir Francis H. May, K.C.M.G.,
Governor of Hongkong.

TO CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS.

The old, time honoured festive season is with us once again and Britishers who, almost more than any other people, celebrate Christmas right heartily, will see that in the Colony of Hongkong we do not fall behind in the matter of fellowship and good cheer. With feelings of profound gratitude we remember that, thanks to the efficiency of our Navy, not only are the necessities of life available in adequate quantities but also the many other good things which add to the comforts and joys of life. In no way is this fact more readily noticed than in the provision which has been made for the Christmas shopper at Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co.'s stores, where toys and games for the younger generation are obtainable in large variety. By indenting as far back as February last, Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co.'s London buyers were able to secure large purchases of toys representing the ability of British manufacturers to cater largely for this business. Christmas stockings and a variety of small toys suitable for Christmas trees and parties are also available. In addition to toys, and such essentially Christmas goods, a pleasing variety of useful gifts may be found suitable for ladies, gentlemen and children, while the home can be supplied with acceptable and useful presents from their furnishing and drapery department. Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Co. hold a unique position as cash traders, and shoppers at this popular store will have the satisfaction of getting full value for their outlay.

CHINA AND MONARCHY.

Dr. Goodnow's Views.

Dr. Frank J. Goodnow, president of John Hopkins University, and until a year ago the constitutional adviser to the Chinese Republic, addressed members of the Philadelphia University on political and economic conditions in China on November 13. He returned from his official post a year and a half ago and spent seven weeks in China last summer. As constitutional adviser he took a leading part in the drafting of the republican constitution.

In a subsequent interview printed in the Philadelphia Public Ledger, Doctor Goodnow said he was surprised that the change to a monarchy had not previously been effected. "The change should not be made," he added, "until the Chinese people as a whole are in favour of it, and the world Powers, with their great interests in China, endorse it. However, there is no opposition among the Chinese."

The republican form of government was a failure, Doctor Goodnow said, because of the difficulty in choosing successors to the president. Under prevailing conditions, he explained, it was necessary that the ruler should be hereditary and, with a limited monarchy, the representative feature of the Republic would be preserved. The Manchurian dynasty, he said, would never be considered in the selection of the first monarch.

China had not made one progressive step in 2,000 years, and lacked the aggressiveness of the Occidental nations, said Doctor Goodnow, in his address, because of its peculiar economic, philosophic and educational conditions. In making allegiance to the family superior to allegiance to the Government, as required by the teaching of Confucius, progress was retarded.

"As a result, China is the finest example of scientific anarchy in the world," he continued. "It has no real Government, the people being governed by their moral law, which Confucianism requires them to obey. Through their aversion to social co-operation the Chinese have made no political progress. Their civil wars were never against a governmental condition, but against an individual."

"Because of the Chinese philosophy that 'man is by nature good,' their theory of government is to put good men in office, with none of our systems of checks and balances. The result is a purely personal government. The real ruler is the head of the family, who has the power of life and death over its members. The strict obedience to the moral law renders unnecessary a police system."

"China can never advance until it recognises a broader social organisation than that of the family. And it will be difficult for the Chinese to readjust themselves to new conditions in a reasonable time, unless they can rely on the aid and advice of the Western nations."

The vast supplies of coal, iron and other minerals were attracting other nations to China. Japan, because of her need for coal for her growing industries, was particularly anxious to take advantage of the fields close to home.

Withdrawn.

The case in which P. C. Moore (Reserve) charged Ho Kan, master of the steam launch Wai Hing, and Cheung Tim, master of the steam launch Hoi Nam, at the Marine Court, with unlawfully carrying an excess of passengers on board their launches, and which was adjourned on the 15th inst., until yesterday, has been withdrawn.

ALLEGED ENEMY TRADING.

The Case Against Messrs. Thorsen and Co.

The hearing was resumed, before Mr. Hazleland at the Police Court this afternoon, of the enemy trading case in which the defendants are Messrs. Thorsen and Co.

A clerk in the office of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha stated that he was in the shipping department of the firm. He remembered that the goods mentioned in exhibit 3 B were shipped to Amor, and they were consigned to order. He was aware that the goods were put on board the ship, but he did not know what happened to them subsequently.

Cross-examined by Mr. Jenkins, witness said he knew the consignees were the Fokien Drug Co.

You do not suggest that the consignees were the Fokien Drug Company?—No, I do not. They were consigned to order.

Yes, that is all right. I don't want you to fall out of the witness box with excitement. The goods were never touched by Paselag and Co. at all?—I have no idea.

You know that your agent in Amor had written all about the matter to your manager in Hongkong?—Yes, and from that letter you know that the goods were delivered to the Fokien Drug Company against a letter of guarantee and a deposit of \$200?—Yes.

I thought so. You do know something about it after all. I put it to you that Paselag and Co. did not touch the goods?—They came to the place.

They may have done. They may have gone to see if you were there or a number of other things, but did they touch the goods?—They did not.

You have given evidence before, have you not?—No, never. I congratulate you.

In answer to another question, witness said he thought that, before reading the Government document on the question, the transshipment of goods to enemy firms in China was allowed. Witness said he had been engaged on transshipments three or four times a week, but he did not remember having to transship to enemy firms in China.

Mr. Jenkins said his defence was that, first of all, in law the transshipment of cargo to enemy firms in China was dealt with in a Proclamation dated October 6, 1914, and the word "relied on" was "transmission." In order to constitute this offence it was clear from the Proclamation that the goods must be supplied by transmission by the defendants to an enemy firm. His second point was that the transshipment of goods to enemy firms in China was not prohibited until Notification 480.

Mr. Orme—My friend is begging the question now.

Mr. Jenkins—Yes; I do that every day in order to earn my daily bread.

Mr. Jenkins, continuing, said that if the Proclamation was intended to prohibit transshipment, its failure to clearly say so was acknowledged by the Governor in Notification 480, and, therefore, if the Government recognised the obnoxiousity of the Proclamation, much more so might a Norwegian firm be misled by the same obnoxiousity. Lastly, a Crown witness, a shipping man, had shown them that transshipment was not forbidden until Notification 480.

The case was again adjourned.

BIG FIRE.

Several Houses Badly Damaged.

A disastrous fire occurred this morning at Tai Ping Shan street, as a result of which several houses have been gutted.

The Fire Brigade received the call soon after 10 o'clock and, proceeding to the spot, found that fire had broken out at 28, Tai Ping Shan Street, which is a "Joss house" and in which there had been a gathering of natives. The flames had obtained a good hold on the building and it was evident that it would be destroyed, in consequence of which the firemen ceased to restrict the fire to the one house. Despite the fact that there were three fire engines, and one fire float at work, the fire was so fierce that it quickly spread to the adjoining houses, and the three houses in the block were involved. The flames reached right across the street, with the result that the houses opposite, at least the top floors of them, were also brought into the conflagration. A narrow passage divides three houses from the other property on that side of the street, but the flames spread across this, and the two upper stories of the first house were destroyed. The contents of the ground floor, which is occupied by a general stores dealer, were damaged beyond salvage. In two of the houses, several families were residing, but it is satisfactory to report that there were no personal injuries. Altogether three houses, Nos. 28, 29, and 30, were gutted, whilst No. 24 was very seriously damaged. Four houses across the road were also partially destroyed. The damage done will run into a very considerable amount.

This is by far the most serious fire that has occurred in this district for a long time, and, considering the position of things when the Fire Brigade arrived, they are to be complimented on the fact that the outbreak was confined to its ultimate limits.

During the morning the scene of the occurrence was visited by the Hon. Captain Supt. of Police (Mr. C. McI. Messer), Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse (D. S. P.), Chief Inspector Kerr, and Supt. Lane. As the time of going to press, the fire was still burning, but there was no danger of a fresh outbreak, the fire having been got under by about half past eleven.

VOLUNTEER RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Major Wakeman, commanding H.K.V.R., state:—

Musketry.
The following members of "A," "B" and "C" Companies are required to attend at King's Park Range on Wednesday the 22nd inst. at 2.15 p.m. to fire Part II Standard Test (Trained Men) Musketry Course. Drill order:—
Ptes. C. B. Boyers, R. Gray, S. E. Jones, G. A. Hastings, A. Calvert, J. Simpson, D. E. Donnelly, Cpl. West, Ptes. A. Smith, J. Grant, Cpl. A. Edwards, Ptes. W. Gast, D. Jaffe, L. O. W. Ford, Ptes. E. Howard, P. H. Holyoak, L. O. W. Stewart, Ptes. S. Leck, H. Humphreys, F. Preece, H. Macfarlane, Sgt. L. O. Ross, Ptes. W. Robertson, L. R. Needham, E. A. M. Williams, F. Brown, S. Baker, L. O. W. Carmichael, Ptes. J. McCubbin, A. E. Cavalier, L. O. W. Lambie, Ptes. J. Kemp, Claxton, H. Coombs, T. H. Martin, W. Dickson, D. V. Stevenson, Sgt. Keith, Ptes. E. A. Irving, Ptes. E. H. Winyard, Sgt. Prowse, Ptes. Kaigwin, W. W. Pearce, Sgt. Thomas, Ptes. L. Wall, N. G. Nolas, Cpl. Bannerman, Ptes. E. L. Halliday, A. Gray, P. Oliver, N. Marshall.

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J.P. — 2
Asoc. — 10
W.H.S. — 10
R.S.A. — 4
G.M. — 2
E.A. — 3
J.B. — 5
G.B.L. — 5
R.F.H. — 5
R.A.B. — 3
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D. W. CRADDOCK,

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Hongkong, December 18th, 1915.

Consequent upon the response by a generous section of the community to the appeal recently made, the Committee have been enabled to send a consignment of 250,000 cigarettes to the Troops at the Front as a special Christmas offering. A telegram was despatched on the 15th inst. ordering the "Smokes" and a request was included in the message to have a printed slip with the words "Greetings from Hongkong" enclosed in the packages. It is safe to assume the Hongkong's present will be thoroughly appreciated by the men, and the Committee beg to tender their thanks to the donors who made it possible to despatch such a substantial consignment.

It is not only at Christmas time that our boys in khaki want a "jag," so the Fund is still open to those who will be good enough to assist in keeping the consignments going forward regularly.

NEW SHARE ISSUES.

The Nederlandsche Indische Handelsbank (Hongkong Agency) has received telegraphic advice from its Batavia head office, in Batavia, that five thousand new shares of F.1,000 (one thousand guilders) each will be issued for subscription on or before January 10, 1916. The price of issue is 150 per cent. and shareholders have a preference at the rate of four to one. The new issue will bring the issued capital up to F. 25,000,000.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V. D., state:—

Leave.

Gunner T. Orton is granted leave of absence from 21.12.15 to 21.6.16. Pte. C. C. Stark is granted leave of absence from 23.12.15 to 30.12.15.

Parades.

Parades for Wednesday, 22nd inst.

7.00 a.m. Members of Signalling Section and other Signallers, as detailed in Signalling Section Order dated 8.12.15—Semaphore practice at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. Signalling Section—Squad drill at Headquarters. Remainder NIL.

Details.

Gan Club Hall, Kowloon.—On duty until morning of 26th inst.—H. K. V. E.

P. of W. Camp, Kowloon.—On duty until morning of 26th inst.—H. K. V. E.

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Double brass bedstead, Mahogany and teak double and single wardrobes with glass doors, toilet table and washstand, chest-of-drawers, Cherrywood trunk, toilet crockery, enamelled bath etc.

Also
2 Gramophones, record cabinets and records.

1 American ice chest.
On view from Monday the 27th inst.

Catalogue will be issued.
Terms—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1915.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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A Quantity of Cut Glass comprising—

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GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1915.

THE Undersigned has received instruction to sell by Public Auction on

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Breast—Tung Lam	lb.	17
Soup—Tung Yak	lb.	15
Steak—Ngan Yuk Pa	lb.	20
do—Shin—Ngan Lan	lb.	30
Sausages—Ngan Oheung	lb.	24
Bullock's Brains—No	per set	10
Tongue, fresh—Ngan Li	each	50
do—Ham Ngan Li	each	60
Head—Ngan Tau	each	1.00
Heart—Ngan Sum	lb.	14
Hump, Salt—Ngan Kim	lb.	20
Feet—Ngan Kout	each	11
Kidneys—Ngan Yiu	lb.	11
Tail—Ngan Mei	lb.	18
Liver—Ngan Kon	lb.	13
Tripe (undressed)—Ngan To	lb.	6
Calves' Head & Feet—Ngan Tsai-tan-keuk	set	1.00
Mutton Chop—Yeung Pai Kwat	lb.	25
Leg—Yeung Pai	lb.	25
Shoulder—Yeung Shau	lb.	24
Saddle	lb.	27
Pige Chittlings—Chu Chong	lb.	27
Brains—Chu No	per set	24
Feet—Chu Kout	lb.	13
Fry—Chu Chap	lb.	15
Head—Chu Tau	each	11
Heart—Chu Sam	lb.	18
Kidneys—Chu Yiu	lb.	28
Liver—Chu Kon	lb.	24
Pork Chop—Chu Pak Kwat	lb.	28
Comed—Ham Chu Yuk	lb.	28
Leg—Chu Pak	lb.	28
Fat or Lard—Chu Yan	lb.	20
Sheep's Head and Feet—Yeung Tsai Keuk	set	8
Heart—Yeung Sam	each	8
Kidneys—Yeung Yiu	lb.	12
Liver—Yeung Kon	lb.	26
Sucking Pigs to order—Chu Tsai	lb.	22
Suet, Beef—Shang Ny a Yan	lb.	20
Mutton—Shang Yeung Yan	lb.	19
Veal—Ngan Tsai Yuk	lb.	20
Sausages—Ngan Tsai Cheung	lb.	20
Lard—Chu Yan	lb.	20

POULTRY:

Chicken—Kai Tsai	lb.	35
Capon, Large, Small—Sin Kai	lb.	34
Ducks—Ap	lb.	32
Doves—Pan Kan	lb.	18
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan (cooking)	per doz	20
(fresh)	per doz	38
Fowls, Canton—Kai	lb.	42
Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	lb.	30
Geece—Ngo	lb.	24
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kap	each	28
Hohow—Hoi How Pak Kap	each	25
Snipe—Sha Tsai	each	22
Turkeys, Cook—Fo Kai Kung	lb.	60
Hen—Na	lb.	45
Pheasant—Shan Kai	lb.	75
Quail—Om Chun	lb.	25
Partridges—Che Ku	lb.	65

FISH.

Barbel—Ka Yu	lb.	18
Bream—Pin Yu	lb.	18
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu	lb.	20
Carp—Li Yu	lb.	20
Catfish—Chik Yu	lb.	12
Codfish—Mun Yu	lb.	14
Crabs—Hoi	lb.	28
Cattle Fish—Muk Yu	lb.	18
Deh—Sha Mang Yu	lb.	12
Dace—Wong Mei Lap	lb.	13
Dog Fish—Tui To Sha	lb.	10
Eels, Conger—Hoi Man	lb.	13
Fresh water—Tam Sui Yu	lb.	18
Eels, Yellow—Wong Sin	lb.	32
Krogs—Tin Kai	lb.	33
Garoupe—Shak Pan	lb.	40
Gudgou—Pak Kap Yu	lb.	16
Herring—Tao Pak	lb.	20
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Kap	lb.	20
Labrus—Wong Ka Yu	lb.	18
Loach—Wu Yu	lb.	28
Lobster—Lung Ha	lb.	28
Mackerel—Chi Yu	lb.	20
Monk Fish—Wong Yu	lb.	32
Mullet—Chai Yu	lb.	16
Oysters—Shang Ho	lb.	22
Parrot Fish—Kai Kung Yu	lb.	12
Perch—Tao Lo	lb.	18
Pike—Fa Pan Fong	lb.	16
Plaice—Pan Yu	lb.	15
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chung	lb.	28
Pomfret, White—Pak Chung	lb.	28
Prawns—Ming Ha	lb.	38
Ray—Pai Pa Sha	lb.	10
Rock Fish—Shak Kau Kung	lb.	15
Roach—Chun Yu	lb.	12
Salmon—Ma Yu	lb.	30
Shark—Sha Yu	lb.	7
Shrimp—Po Yu	lb.	8
Shrimps—Ha	lb.	25
Snapper—Lap Yu	lb.	28
Sole—Tat Sha Yu	lb.	28
Tench—Wan Yu	lb.	18
Turbot—Cho How Yu	lb.	18
Turtle, small, fresh water—Keuk Yu	lb.	60

FRUITS.

Almonds—Hainan Yan	lb.	35
Apples (California)—Kam Sha—Ping Khe	lb.	18
(Chetoo)—Tia Chun Ping Khe	lb.	18

Meat

Bananas, fragrant, Canton—San Shing Hong Chiu	lb.	1
(brides), Macao—San Shing Chiu	lb.	1
Chestnuts, Chinese—Fong Lat	lb.	1
Carambola—Yeung To	each	12
Cocoanuts—Yo The	each	12
Grapes—Po Tai Tsu	lb.	30
Lemons, China—Ling Mang	lb.	10
Amber—Kam Shan Ling Mang	lb.	10
Lichees Dried—Lai Chi, small Stone	lb.	28
do—Fresh	lb.	28
Oranges, (Canton)—Shan-shang Tim Ching	lb.	8
do—Sweet	lb.	8
Pears, (American), Kam San Shoot Lay	lb.	10
(Canton), Cooking—Sha Li	lb.	10
Peanuts—Fa Shang	lb.	16
Plantain—Tat Chiu	lb.	14
Plums—Swatow, Hung Lai	lb.	14
Pumelo, Siam—Chim Lo Yan	each	14
do—Shanghai—Lo Kwat	lb.	15
Walnuts—Hop To	lb.	15
Water Melon—(Am.) Kam San Sai Kwa	each	1

VEGETABLES, etc.

Artichokes, Shanghai—Sheng-hoi Ah Chi	lb.	8
do—Cheuk	lb.	8
Beans, (French), Macao—Oh Moon Pin Tan	lb.	8
(French) Shanghai—Sheng Hoi Fin	lb.	8
do—Sprout—Ah Choi	lb.	8
do—Long—Tat Kok	lb.	10
Beet Root—Hung Choi Tan	each	6
Bitter Squash—Fu Kwa	lb.	8
Brinjals, Green—Chung Yuan Kwa	lb.	8
do—Red—Hung Ke	lb.	8
Cabbage, Chinese, (common)—Kai Tsai	lb.	14
Cabbage, Shanghai—Ye Tsai	lb.	14
Cane Shoots, bunch—Kau Shan	lb.	8
Carrots—Kam Shun	lb.	8
Celery, Chinese—Tong Kan Tsai	lb.	25
Chilies Dried—Kau Lap Chiu	lb.	10
do—Red—Hung Pa Chiu	lb.	10
do—Green—Ching Pa Chiu	lb.	10
Curry Stuff, English—Ka Li Chiu Liu	lb.	10
Cucumbers—Ching Kwa	each	8
Garlic—Sun Tan	lb.	8
Ginger, young—Sun Tse Keung	lb.	8
do—old—Lo Keung	lb.	8
Horse Radish, Shanghai—Lik Kan	lb.	12
Indian Corn—Suk Mai	lb.	1
Lettuces—Yeung Shing Tsai	lb.	1
Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai	lb.	6
Mandarins—Kwai Lam Ma Tai	lb.	35
Ma hooms, Fresh—Shang Cho Ko	lb.	35
Meat Melon, Amer.—Kam San Hong Kwa	each	1
Okra	lb.	8
Onions Bombay—Yeung Chong Tan	lb.	8
do—Green—Shang Chong	lb.	8
do—Shanghai—Sheng-hoi Chong Tan	lb.	8
Parsley—Kun Tsai	lb.	8
Green Peas—Ching Tsai	lb.	3
Potatoes, Sweet—Fan Shu	lb.	3
do—Shanghai—Sheng-hoi Shu Tsai	lb.	3
do—Japan—Yut Pan Shu Tsai	lb.	3
do—American—Fa Ki Shu Tsai	lb.	3
do—Fochow—Fochow Shu Tsai	lb.	3
Pumpkin—Tong Kwa	lb.	5
Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tsai	lb.	5
Rhubarb (Fresh)—Tat Wong	lb.	5
Sage—Tse So	lb.	8
Shallots—Kau Chung Tan	lb.	5
Spinach—Yin Tsai	lb.	5
Tomatoes—Wan Ke	lb.	6
Taro—Wu Tan	lb.	4
Turnips, Punt, (Long)—Lo Pak	lb.	4
do—English—Yeung Lo Pak	lb.	4
Vegetable Marrow—Chiu Tsai	lb.	4
do—(American)—Kau Shan Chiu	lb.	4
Water Cress—Sai Yeung Tsai	lb.	12
do—Lily root—Lin Ngau	lb.	6
do—Tat Shu	lb.	6
do—English—Yeung Kan Choi	lb.	1
do—Tan	lb.	1

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From London, Nov. 13.—To
Shanghai: Mr. J. C. Hansen, Miss
G. Thomas, Mr. W. Moore, Mrs.
G. Mitchell, Mr. G. Chaplin, Miss
R. G. Neale, Mr. Martin, Ensign
and Mrs. Briner, Mr. W. E. Ball,
Mr. H. Jory, Mr. C. Stanger.—To
Hongkong: Mr. W. G. Jarke,
Miss Ferry, Miss F. N. Coppen,
Mrs. Foulds and child, Mr. and
Mrs. G. Wells and 4 children, Miss
J. E. Fernie.
Per P. and O. steamer Muller-
via, From London November
27.—To Shanghai: Mr. and Mrs.
Spreckley, Miss Clark, Miss Cur-
tis, Mr. and Mrs. Berry, Miss Mar-
tin, Mr. N. C. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs.
N. G. B. A. Mrs. Devonia-Meares.
To Hongkong: Rev. S. N.
Norton, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Aires
and 4 children, Mr. W. Barbour,
Mrs. Lachlan, child andamah.
Per P. and O. steamer Karmala.
From London December 11.—To
Shanghai: Miss G. Whittall, Mr.
and Mrs. Radford.
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Aisuta, Marz.
From London November 20.—To
Shanghai: Mr. S. M. Gubbay,
Miss A. Fairley, Mrs. Liddell and
To Hongkong: Mr. G. Worby, Mr.
and Mrs. Findley Smith, Mr. H. E.
Spencer-Payne, Mr. J. Spiers,
Mr. O. Hughes, Mr. H. Subier.
Per N.Y.K. steamer Yasaka
Marz. From London December
4.—To Shanghai: Miss N. Durbee,
Mrs. F. Wells-Henderson, Mr. and
Mrs. Seth and infant, Mr. R. Mac-
farlane, Miss C. Featherstone,
Miss Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Alty
and infant, To Hongkong: Mr.
L. Lee, Mrs. V. J. Tartarin and
5 children, Miss V. Tartarin, Miss
H. Tartarin, Mr. and Mrs. Miss
L. Lacroix, Mrs. Bishop.

NOTICES

G. R.
Any European, Non-Asiatic or
Indian desiring to leave the
Colony should apply in writing for
permission to do so to the
Captain Superintendent of Police,
at least 48 hours before the in-
tended hour of departure, giving
name, nationality, age, sex,
height and occupation of the
applicant and stating the name
of the steamer or other vessel or
of the hour of the train by which
the applicant wishes to leave.
Applicants should apply in person
for their passes at the Central
Police Station between the hours
of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to
4 p.m. daily.
Hongkong 9th July, 1915.

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TIME TABLE

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COMMERCIAL.

Philippine Cigar Trade with America.

Showing an increase of nearly eight million in the number of Philippine cigars shipped to the United States during the past eleven months as compared with the same period in 1914, a comparative statement on the cigar trade with the States has been issued by the Collector of Internal Revenue. The heaviest increase for this year was shown in the month of February, in which cigars exported were more than five million more than in February, 1914. In April, May, June and October, the 1914 shipments exceeded those for the same months this year. Last month's shipments were nearly three million more than in November, 1914.

Prices of Commodities in Osaka.

During November, out of fifty staple commodities, 32 rose in price, 8 fell and 10 remained stationary, as compared with the previous month. The average ratio stood at 158. This is an advance of 9, as compared with the previous month. An average ratio of 158 is a record in Osaka. Prices of commodities almost all were drop or remain unchanged in November. The unprecedented advance noted this year is doubtless due to the war, and to greater activity in business circles. The higher cost of iron is due to restricted sales in the United States. Copper is higher in response to the London market. Lead has advanced because of the suspension of sales in Australia and the United States. Antimony is higher because of the heavy demand for war materials. Earthenware has gone up because of the brisk demand for exports. Japanese and foreign papers are higher owing to the greater cost of raw material, and rapped silk, raw silk and other silk textiles are higher because of the war. The advance in the price of rice and other cereals is due to a reaction from the full conditions which have lately obtained, while the higher cost of sake, eggs, matings and dried bonito is due to the Caronian.

Siam Railway.

The new report on the traffic on the Southern Line brings home again the scantiness of the receipts that are as yet obtainable from the southern sections of the line. Of the total receipts for 1915, 231,757 from goods and live-stock. Of these totals the Bangkok-Koh Lak section produces Tcs. 544,341 and Tcs. 250,487 respectively, so that there is not much for Singapore-Trang-Nakon to make up. None the less the railway is going to be a big factor in the development of the Peninsula. In the goods traffic, apart from packages, which brought in Tcs. 113,741 the most important item last year was paddy. In all 14,273 tons were carried, most of it coming from Petchaburi and intervening stations to Bangkok. The freight paid for paddy was Tcs. 17,528. The other important articles from the revenue point of view were—Merchandise (Tcs. 10,270), Timber (Tcs. 11,877), Stone (Tcs. 10,145), Rice (Tcs. 9,444), Fruits (Tcs. 5,550), Fish (Tcs. 3,879), Household goods (Tcs. 3,107), Shell Fish (Tcs. 2,838), Motor Cars (Tcs. 2,510), Ice (Tcs. 2,062) and Dyeing Nuts (Tcs. 2,062). These were the only things that brought in so much as Tcs. 2,000. The state did not by any means all come to Bangkok, and timber is a particularly well distributed trade even in the southern section. With regard to the articles mentioned it should be noted that the heading Packages may make a considerable difference to the actual traffic. Thus 1,205 tons of fish, 1,271 tons of fruits and 767 tons of ice were carried as packages. In such lists one comes across unexpected things such as that last year 150 tons of opium were carried on the Southern Line as compared with 40 the year before, while there are such unusual entries as 15 tons of statues of the Buddhas and 30 tons of copper—Bangkok Times.

SHARE REPORT.
COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

STOCK.	To-day's Closing Price	Number of Shares	Par Value	1914 Highest	1914 Lowest	1915 Highest	1915 Lowest	Last Dividend and Date
Banks.								
H.K. & S. Banking Corp. \$300	120,000 \$225	all	855	July	700	Oct. 345 x div. 790	div. 790	{22 1/2% at 1/9 5/16 equal to \$24.21 for 1/2 year 30/6/15
Marine Insurance Co. Ltd. \$100	10,000 \$95	99	330	Dec.	305	Oct. 495	380	{Final of \$4 a/c 1913. Interim of \$18 a/c 1914. 25 p.c. for 1914
North China Ins. Co. Ltd. \$100	10,000 \$15	36	145	May	138	Jan. 175	180	{Final of \$20 and bonus of \$5 making \$25 for 1913 and Interim of \$30 for 1914
Union Ins. Society of Canton Ltd. \$100	12,400 \$100	100	847 1/2	April	700	Oct. 388	485	{Final of \$15 mak. \$18 for 1913 & Int. of \$3 for 1914
Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd. \$100	12,000 \$100	60	210	April	192 1/2	Jan. 270	235	{Final of \$15 mak. \$18 for 1913 & Int. of \$3 for 1914
Fire Insurance Co. Ltd. \$150	10,000 \$100	20	180	July	140	Oct. 162	138	\$8 for 1913
China Fire Ins. Co. Ltd. \$100	8,000 \$100	50	395	Feb.	368	April 430	386	\$27 for 1913
Shipping.								
Douglas Steamship Co. Ltd. \$34	20,000 \$30	all	35	Mar.	27 1/2	Nov. 94	45	{4 1/2 for year ending 30.6.15
Hongkong S.S. Co. Ltd. \$100	80,000 \$15	all	29 1/2	Jan.	22	Dec. 26	19	{Final of 40 cts. making 90 cts. for year ending 31.12.14
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. \$100	60,000 \$5	all	79	Jan.	50	Sept. 162	96	{6 p.c. on p.a. & 3 p.c. on a/c for 1914 & 2 p.c. on a/c for 1913
Shell Transport & Trading Co. Ltd. \$100	3,797,810 \$1	all	106 1/2	Feb.	70 1/2	Sept. 90 1/2	82 1/2	{Final of 5/- (Coupon No. 24) making 7/- for 1914
Star Ferry Company Ltd. \$37	40,000 \$10	all	49	Mar.	44	Nov. 39	38	{150 per share and bonus of 40 cents per share for year ending 30/4/15
Refineries.								
China S. Refining Co. Ltd. \$100	90,000 \$100	all	90 1/2	Feb.	70	Nov. 134	111	\$8 for 1912
Lucon S. Refining Co. Ltd. \$100	7,000 \$100	all	31	Jan.	17	Dec. 46	27 1/2	\$8 for 1907
Mining.								
Kadun Mining Administration \$100	1,000,000 \$1	all	41 1/2	Feb.	33 1/2	Dec. 38 1/2	34 1/2	{Interim of 1/- account year ending 30.6.15 (Coupon No. 5.)
Ramb Australian Gold Mining Co. Ltd. \$100	200,000 \$1	all	310	Jan.	190	Nov. 4	314	{1/2 for 1909
Tromps Mines Ltd. \$100	150,000 \$1	all	33 1/2	Feb.	19 1/2	Nov. 32 1/2	25 1/2	{25/- interim a/c 1915 paid 12.7.15
Oral Caspian \$100	756,000 \$1	all	54 1/2	Feb.	21 1/2	Nov. 41	37 1/2	{1/- interim 1915
Docks, Wharves and Godowns &c.								
H.K. & S. W. & G. Co. Ltd. \$77	60,000 \$30	all	59	Jan.	73	Nov. 81 1/2	68	\$3.50 for year 1914
H.K. & S. W. & G. Co. Ltd. \$83 1/2	55,700 \$100	all	60	Jan.	50	Dec. 63 1/2	43	\$3 dividend for year 1914
Shai Dock & Eng. Co. Ltd. \$33	36,000 \$100	all	109	Jan.	82 1/2	Dec. 93 1/2	80	{Dividend of 6 p.c. for 1 year ending 30.6.15
Shai & H.K. W. Co. Ltd. \$38	36,000 \$100	all	109	Jan.	82 1/2	Dec. 93 1/2	80	{Dividend of 6 p.c. for 1 year ending 30.6.15
Lands, Hotels and Buildings.								
Anglo French Lands \$100	13,000 \$100	all	128	July	120	Dec. 116	94	{Tls. 6 1/2 for year ending 29.2.14
H.K. Hotel Co. Ltd. \$100	20,000 \$50	50	128	July	120	Dec. 116	94	{Tls. 120 for half year ending 30.6.15
H.K. Land Investment Co. \$100	50,000 \$100	all	117 1/2	July	98	Nov. 111	108	{3 1/2 for year ending 30.6.15
Elphreys Estate & F. Co. Ltd. \$6.80	150,000 \$10	all	94	Jan.	7	Nov. 7 1/2	6.10	{45 cents for year 1914
Tronoh Land & Building Co. Ltd. \$40	6,000 \$50	30	45 1/2	Jan.	44	Feb. 40	40	{33 for 1914
Shanghai Lands \$105	78,000 \$50	all	98	Dec.	69	Oct. 106	101	{Dividend of 6 p.c. for 1 year ending 30.6.15
West Point Building Co. Ltd. \$74	10,000 \$100	all	73	June	66	Feb. 103	100	{Tls. 2 for half year ending 30.6.15
H.K. Central Estates \$100	10,000 \$100	all	73	June	66	Feb. 103	100	{Tls. 4.08 for 7 months ending 31.12.14
Cotton Mills.								
Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co. Ltd. \$140	20,000 \$10	all	138	July	125	May. 180	142	{Tls. 16 for year ending 31.7.15
Kung Yik \$13 1/2	75,000 \$10	all	142	Jan.	11	Mar. 17	13 1/2	{Tls. 120 for year ending 30.11.14
Lau Kung Mow \$78	80,000 \$100	all	140	Jan.	70	May. 89	80	{Tls. 12 for 1913
Shanghai Cottons \$87	40,000 \$50	all	135	Feb.	70	Nov. 105	90	{Dividend of Tls. 7 1/2 for year ending 30.6.15
Yankee Lines.								
China Borneo Company Ltd. \$104	9,000 \$10	all	12	May	10	Dec. 10	18	85 cents for 1914
China Light & Power Co. Ltd. \$4.80	50,000 \$5	all	450	July	4	April 4 1/2	4 1/2	60 for year ending 28.2.06
Do. (Spec. shares) \$9.80	125,000 \$10	all	9	Jan.	7	Nov. 10.10	8.70	70 cts. for 1914
China Prov. L. & M. Co. Ltd. \$30	40,000 \$10	all	39	June	35	Aug. 34	31	{Tls. 12.50 for year ending 31.7.15
Dairy Farm Company Ltd. \$1	400,000 \$10	all	690	Jan.	5	Dec. 11	6.70	50 cts. for 1914
Green Island Cement Co. Ltd. \$44 1/2	40,000 \$10	all	49	Jan.	36	Nov. 45	39	\$2.00 per share for 1914
Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd. \$190	6,000 \$25	all	217 1/2	July	174	Dec. 199	184	Interim of \$2 account 1915
Hongkong Ice Co. Ltd. \$33 1/2	6,000 \$10	all	25	June	22	Apr. 40 1/2	25	Interim of \$2 year ending 30.6.15
Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co. Ltd. \$54 1/2	225,000 \$1	all	13 1/2	July	7 1/2	Feb. 5.50	4.80	{10% for 1914
Langkate.								
Langkate Tramway Co. Ltd. (Old) \$10	25,000 \$10	all	10 1/2	Jan.	9 1/2	June 10	9	{Interim of Tls. 1 making Tls. 2 a/c 1915
Do. (New) 85 cts. \$10	50,000 \$10	all	93	Jan.	75	Dec. 81	80	{70 cts. on fully paid shares and 7 cts. on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.6.15
Philippines Ltd.								
H. Price & Co. Ltd. \$5	75,000 \$10	all	10	—	—	—	5	None
Societe des Pulpes et Papier-teries du Tonkin \$20	12,000 \$5	all	—	—	—	—	20	None
Steam Laundry Co. Ltd. \$32	20,000 \$5	all	5.00	June	4	Nov. 3 1/2	3.00	25 cts. for year ending 31.7.15
Union Water-boat Co. Ltd. \$36	27,723 \$10	all	22 1/2	Feb.	17	Jan. 18	16	{Tls. 1.00 per share for year ending 31.12.14
Watson and Co. Ltd. \$6 1/2	90,000 \$10	all	8 1/2	April	6.90	Dec. 6.90	6.90	{Tls. 60 cts. for 1914
William Powell, Limited. \$4 1/2	21,000 \$7	all	9 1/2	Jan.	6 1/2	Dec. 7	5 1/2	{50 cts. on old shares and 25 cts. on new year shares for year ending 30.6.14
S. C. Morning Post \$29	6,000 \$25	all	30	June	92	Dec. 29	29	\$1.50 for 1914

LATEST RUBBER QUOTATIONS.

Anglo-Java Estates Ltd. Tls. 12.70 sellers.	Ayer Panas (Straits) \$6.80 buyers.	Kempas (Straits) \$4.40 buyers.	Sandycrofts (Straits) \$7.08 buyers.
Anglo-Dutch Tls. 6 sellers.	Balgownie (Straits) \$3 1/2 buyers.	Malaka Pindas (Straits) \$1.90 buyers.	Pajam (Straits) \$13.00 buyers.
Langkate 14/9 buyers 15/6 sellers.	Changkat Serdangs (Straits) \$4.75 buyers.	Malakoffs (Straits) \$3.45 buyers.	New Serendah \$2.40 buyers.
Nordana 18/6 buyers 18/9 sellers.			

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EXCHANGE.

2 1st Dec.

Selling.	Buying.	Gold Leaf per oz.
T/T Bombay 110 1/2	On Haiphong 5 1/4 prem.	\$59.80
Demand Bombay 110 15/16	On Saigon 5	\$10.50 nom.
30 ds 110 1/11	On Bangkok 81	Bar Silver ready 26 1/16
60 ds 110 1/11 1/8		forward
4 m/s 110 1/11 3/16		
T/T Shanghai 75	4 m/s L/C 111 5/8	
Private 30 ds sight 81 1/4	4 m/s D/E 111 3/4	
T/T Singapore 81 1/4	6 m/s L/C 111 7/8	
T/T India 82 1/4	30 ds Sney & M. 111 7/8	
Demand India 143	30 ds San Fco & N.Y. 111 7/8	
	14 m/s Marks 111 7/8	
	14 m/s France 276	
	6 m/s France 281	

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Chinese 20 cts. pieces	\$17 7/8
Chinese 10	\$15 1/2
Hongkong 10	\$10 3/8
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ALL KINDS OF FOREIGN & LOCAL BANKING BUSINESS transacted.	COURT OF DIRECTORS: Hon. Mr. D. Landale, Chairman, W. L. Patterson, Esq., Deputy Chairman, S. H. Dodwell, Esq., G. T. M. Edging, Esq., C. S. Gubbay, Esq., P. H. Holroyd, Esq., J. A. Plummer, Esq., Hon. Mr. E. Shalloo, CHIEF MANAGER, Hongkong—N. J. Stubb, MANAGER, Shanghai—A. G. Stephen, London—County and Westminster Limited.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received at rates to be ascertained on application.	Hongkong—Interest Allowed. On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
N. S. MARSHALL, Manager.	ON FIXED DEPOSITS: For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.
Hongkong, 1st July 1915	For 6 months, 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.
THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.	For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.
Established 1880.	N. J. STABB, Chief Manager
Authorized Capital Yen 48,000,000	THE HONGKONG SAVING BANK.
Paid-up Capital 30,000,000	THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
Reserve Fund 20,000,000	INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.
Head Office—YOKOHAMA.	Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.
Branches: Amoy, Canton, Hankow, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Manila, Peking, Shanghai, Singapore, Szechuan, Tientsin, Yokohama.	For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, N. J. STABB, Chief Manager
Agencies: Amoy, Canton, Hankow, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Manila, Peking, Shanghai, Singapore, Szechuan, Tientsin, Yokohama.	THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
Interest Allowed on Current Deposits received for fixed periods rates to be ascertained on application.	Head Office 15 Gracechurch Street, London.
EISEI ONO, Manager.	Authorized Capital \$1,500,000
Hongkong, 21st October, 1915.	Subscribed 1,125,000
THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.	Paid Up 562,500
Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.	Reserve Fund 500,000
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.	BANKERS:
Paid-up Capital \$1,200,000	The Bank of England
Reserve Fund \$1,800,000	The London Joint Stock Bank Limited
Proprietors \$1,200,000	BRANCHES:
FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.	Bombay, Calcutta, Colombo, Delhi, Galle, Hongkong, Howrah, Kandy, Karachi, Kato, Rangoon, Singapore, Suez, Tientsin, Yokohama
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received at rates which will be quoted on application.	HONGKONG BRANCH:
Wm. DICKSON, Manager.	Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balances, and on Deposits at rates which will be quoted on application.
Hongkong, 11th April, 1915.	THE ALEXANDRA CAFE:
	Cannot be visited. It is a place for Bread, Cakes, Confectionery and meals with Wines & Liquors.

